

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Action issued April 28, 2009. Claims 1-30 are pending in this Application. In order to advance prosecution of this Application, Claims 1, 11, 16, 21, and 26 have been amended and Claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this Application.

Claims 1, 6, 9-11, 16, 20, and 21-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,463,616 issued to Kruse et al. Independent Claims 1, 11, 16, 21, and 26 have been amended to include the feature of Claim 2 deemed by the Examiner to be allowable. Claim 2 has been canceled accordingly without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1, 6, 9-11, 16, 20, and 21-26 are not anticipated by the Kruse, et al. patent.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of Claims 7, 8, and 19.

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowability of Claims 2-5, 12-15, 17, 18, and 27-30 if placed into appropriate independent form. The features of Claim 2 have been placed into Independent Claims 1, 11, 16, 21, and 26 and Claim 2 has been canceled accordingly without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 3-5, 12-15, 17, 18, and 27-30 are in condition for allowance.

This Response to Examiner's Final Action is necessary to place the claims into condition for allowance as determined by the Examiner. Applicant respectfully requests that this Response to Examiner's Final Action be entered and that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this Application.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending claims.

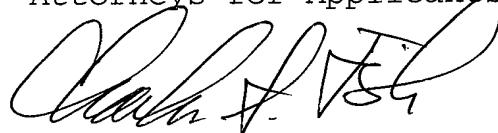
If the Examiner feels that a telephonic conference is needed to clear up matters addressed herein, the undersigned attorney stands ready to discuss this Application at the convenience of the Examiner.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees or credit any overpayments associated with this Application to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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